



**Developing a Biblical
Family Culture 2:
*Learn***

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Introduction

What is culture?

A culture is a way of life of a group of people--the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one generation to the next. Culture isn't static, it can change if we learn.



Deut 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children.

1. We are the 'true Israel', a family of families, the covenant community of God.
2. Listen, Learn, Love, and Leave a Legacy.
3. Listen: When God speaks, it's special, so we need to stop and listen with the intent to obey.

Remember, these are the same words that created everything!



Learn

1. Read
2. Research
3. Remember
4. Reflect
5. Respond



Read

Constantly read a good translation, primarily to get the big picture.

see 'Overview of the Bible 1'
The 'big picture' of the Bible teaches us one thing above all else: What is the one constant in the Bible, from the first verse to the last?



Research

Periodically dig deeper in a good study Bible, primarily to get the intended meaning in the there-and-then.

Yahweh = 'I Am' (Ex 3:14; 34:6-7)

God is one: Monotheism vs polytheism

echad = one (cf. Gen 2:24)

Elohim = God (cf. Gen 1:26-27)

The Trinity is implied (Gen 1:2; 26)



Remember

Regularly memorize significant passages you so you can recite them and reflect on them.

Jesus was not carrying a scroll in Luke 4:1-13

You can't obey what you can't remember!

Do yourself and your family a favour and memorize the Shema.



Reflect

Meditate on the implications of God's Word for us in the here-and-now, primarily to draw out the contemporary significance.

Yahweh is the only God and deserves our exclusive devotion.

The divine family is the model for human family.

As a family of families we should represent the divine family.

Copernicus: helio- vs. geo-centric: The Christian = God-centered.



Respond

After each of the above steps we should respond.

We need to habitually learn about God and His Word, because:

1. We can only faithfully relate to and represent Him if we know Him and His Word.
2. We can only give to our children what we actually have.
3. If we do not learn... we cannot love. We cannot become like God without God!



Conclusion

Think about this: If *you* don't have a culture of learning, neither will your family.

What do you need to do to develop a culture of learning?

Read, Research,
Remember, Reflect,
Respond.

